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In re Application of:

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Examiner Margaret Christian

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING RAW WATER CONTAINING HARDLY
DECOMPOSABLE SUBSTANCE

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on May 14, 2009, to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-12 and 15-18) and Group II (claims 13 and 14).

In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone message to the Examiner on May 19, 2009 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-12 and 15-18, in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election is specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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